

Claims 1-11. Withdrawn

Claim 12-21<sup>32</sup>. Previously cancelled.

C Claim 33. (Original) A tire designed to equip a tire, wheel and safety insert assembly in which the safety insert is mounted between the rim and the radially inner face of the tire tread, characterized in that said tire is equipped with means capable of generating a vibrating signal when said tire comes in contact with a corresponding insert following a pressure loss in said tire.

Claim 34. (Newly added) The tire according to claim 33 further comprising a pressure-sensitive generator adhered to the inner face of the tire tread.

Claim 35. (Newly added) The tire according to claim 34 wherein said pressure-sensitive generator emits a predetermined radio signal when said generator comes into contact with said insert.

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 33 were pending and are subject to a restriction requirement. In this response, claims 1-11 are withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention. New claims 34 and 35 are added. Support for new claims can be found throughout the specification as originally filed, including in the original claims and on page 9 and 20 of the specification.

#### Restriction Requirement

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner contends that the above-identified application is allegedly directed to different inventions, and requires Applicant to elect one of the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1-11 allegedly drawn to a safety insert that generates vibrating warning signals on a run-flat condition; and

Group II: Claim 33, allegedly drawn to a tire equipped with means capable of generating vibrating warning signals on a run-flat condition.

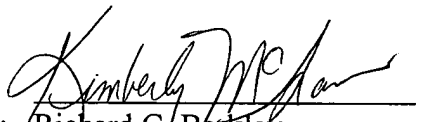
Applicant hereby elects Group II, Claim 33, without traverse. Claims 1-11 are withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention.

Applicant has added new claims 34 and 35, which depend upon claim 33.

A check in payment of the requested extension of time is enclosed. Applicant does not believe that any additional fee is required in connection with the submission of this document. However, should any fee be required, or if any overpayment has been made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit or any overpayments made, to Deposit Account 02-4377. Duplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed.

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